

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 651

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Gary Mathews.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Gary Mathews is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for many years as a noted automobile dealer; and

WHEREAS, following his 1959 graduation from Clarksville High School, Mr. Mathews traveled for a year designing displays in new McClellan & McCory stores all over New England and the eastern states; he began working as a field agent for Consolidated Credit in 1960 and was promoted to manager, then supervisor; and

WHEREAS, upon his return to Clarksville, Mr. Mathews purchased and merged two local car dealerships to form what is now Gary Mathews Chrysler, Dodge, and Jeep; he opened what is currently Gary Mathews Volkswagen/Kia in 1987 and purchased Mathews Nissan in 1999, Gary Mathews of Jackson in 2001, Franklin Nissan in 2001, and Dunn Pontiac in 2005; and

WHEREAS, during his more than thirty-four years in the automotive business, Gary Mathews and his companies have sold in excess of 250,000 vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Gary Mathews serves as the President and CEO of the Gary Mathews Automotive Group, the First Industrial Corporation, Mathews Life Insurance Company, Mathews Service Company, and Mathews-Vines Reinsurance Ltd.; he is also active in both residential and commercial land developments and serves on the boards for Plateau Insurance Company and Heritage Bank; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mathews is an essential part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including the Fort Campbell Historical Foundation, and lending his time and numerous talents to the Aspire program; he is also an active and devout member of the First Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Gary Mathews is most grateful for the love and support he has received from his wife, Joyce; his children, Sheila and Greg; and his grandchildren, Levi, Landon, and Lauren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mathews exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Gary Mathews has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Gary Mathews for his many career accomplishments and extend our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.